

PROCLAMATION TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK August 24-31, 2003

WHEREAS, professional truck drivers safely deliver important goods to every home, community, school and business in the United States of America. Each year, truck drivers travel more than 200 billion miles delivering 8 billion tons of freight; and

WHEREAS, professional truck drivers have been honored as among the safest drivers on our highways. Many have received awards for extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery for saving fellow motorists from injury and death; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's professional truck drivers are hard working men and women who quietly serve their communities, schools and businesses every day. The trucking industry plays a critical role in our country's economy, and the men and women who drive trucks help maintain our economic stability; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim August 24-31, 2003, as **TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State